

Glenda Wiles

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To: Glenda Wiles; Hamilton City Council; Dennis Stranger
Subject: Flat Iron - Annex.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have heard some rumors going around that Daly Ditches is in favor of the Flat Iron annexation. To set the record straight we are not in favor of the annexation. One article in the Ravalli Republic stated that Flat Iron is going to use the Hedge ditch for storm water runoff. After reading the article, I phoned Al Mitchell and explained my concerns. I said that nobody from Shiloh Investments has ever contacted Daly Ditches Irrigation District and that we would not allow Flat Iron use of the Hedge Ditch for storm water control. Mr. Mitchell suggested that I also contact Dennis Stranger and explain this to him. After voicing my concerns with Mr. Stranger, he told me that the paper made it sound like that and that they have other alternatives for the storm water runoff, if that wouldn't work. Two of our board members and I went to the city council meeting on August 19th and voiced our concerns. We cannot and will not let contaminated water that comes from running over the asphalt enter our ditches. Our water is used as stock water and irrigation water for crops. Oils from the asphalt and tire rub off would be detrimental to the livelihood of the animals and crops. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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